

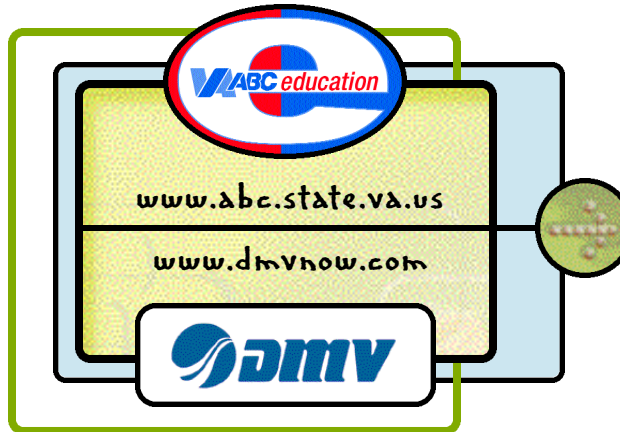
Fraudulent Use of a Driver's License or Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Identification Card to Obtain Alcoholic Beverages

- >> Any underage person found using a falsified DMV driver's license or military or university identification card to purchase alcoholic beverages faces conviction of a Class 3 misdemeanor.
- >> Convicted individuals may lose their driver's license for thirty days to one year.

Underage Purchase or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages Unlawful

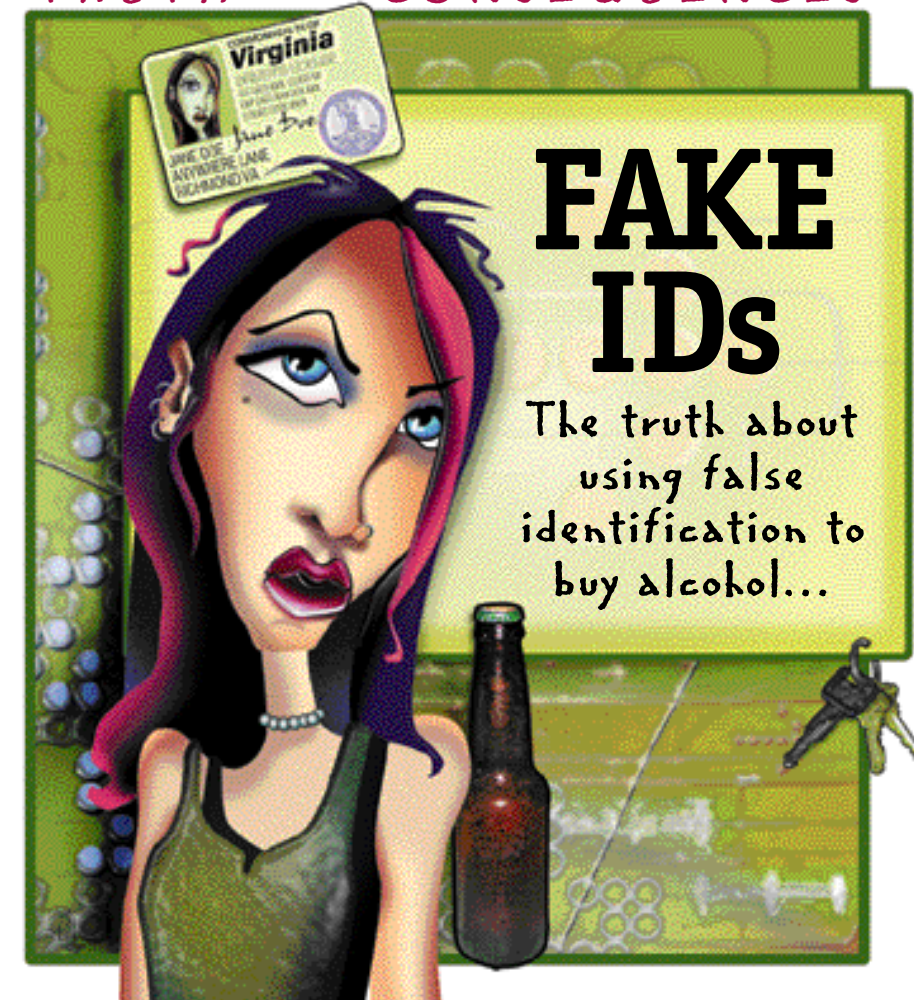
- >> It is illegal for anyone under 21 to possess any alcoholic beverage.
- >> No one under 21 may use an altered or fake ID such as a driver's license, birth certificate or student identification card to establish a false identification or false age to purchase an alcoholic beverage.
- >> Violators of this section are guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and, upon conviction, face a maximum sentence of 1 year in jail and/or a \$2,500 fine; and a minimum \$500 fine or fifty hours community service, and can lose their driver's license for up to a year. Code of Virginia 4.1-305

If you have any questions about false identification or this brochure, please contact The Bureau of Law Enforcement Department of VA ABC, 804-213-4565.



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TRUTH and CONSEQUENCES



Turning 21 doesn't happen fast enough for some people. For those who can't wait to be of legal age, using false identification is the forbidden fruit: tempting, but illegal.

Truth and Consequences

- >> It may seem fun to have a fake ID until you get caught with it. Severe penalties apply to the possession, manufacture, use or sale of altered/false driver's license and military or university identification card. You could pay a fine and/or go to jail.
- >> It is also illegal to loan your driver's license or identification card to another person. In fact, it is a more serious consequence to loan your license or identification card to someone else.
- >> If you are carrying a fake ID or have someone else's identification and are involved in an accident, your medical attention could be delayed. In case of death or serious injury, the police could notify the wrong family because they don't know your true identity.
- >> An offense of moral turpitude or a conviction of possessing, manufacturing, using or selling fake IDs will appear on your permanent criminal record. A police record can limit you in job hunting, prevent you from obtaining a professional license, or bar your admission to graduate school.

Laying Down the Law

- >> All states and the District of Columbia now have laws stating age 21 is the minimum age to purchase or drink alcohol. Virginia's Zero Tolerance law makes driving under the influence of any amount of alcohol a serious criminal offense for drivers under age 21.
- >> State government officials are making the penalties harsher for underage individuals using false identification. Young adults (ages 18-20) who use a fake or false ID to buy, possess or drink alcohol can lose their driver's license for up to a year, be fined up to \$2,500 and face up to 12 months in jail.

Fraudulent Use of a Driver's License, Identification Card, or other Identification Materials:

- >> It is illegal to use another's identification as one's own.
- >> It is illegal to possess or sell an ID for the purpose of establishing a false identification.
- >> Persons who possess, use or distribute fake IDs are charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor. Code of Virginia 18.2-204.1

Manufacture, Sale or Possession of Fictitious, Simulated Official License or Identification

- >> It is illegal to possess, produce or distribute a falsified document that can be mistaken as an official government document.
- >> Violators face Class 1 misdemeanor charges for the sale or production of such ID and Class 2 misdemeanor charges for possession of such ID. Code of Virginia 18.2-204.2
- >> The manufacture of a fake ID conviction will result in a Class 1 misdemeanor. Code of Virginia 18.2-204.2

